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MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES,  
AND PUBLIC INTEREST GROUPS

Subject: Joint Financial Management Improvement Program -- Financial  
Management Improvement Awards

The Principals of the Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP) are seeking nominations for the 1980 annual Financial Management Improvement Awards. These are the only awards sponsored by the Federal Government which specifically recognize exceptional achievements in financial management in Federal, State, and local governments. As one of the JFMIP Principals, I encourage you to recognize executives in your organization who have excelled in financial management. These awards provide you with the opportunity to acknowledge senior financial management executives who, through outstanding and continuous leadership in financial management, have been principally responsible for significant economies, efficiencies, and improvements in the public service.

Last year, the JFMIP recognized U.S. Department of the Interior Inspector General June Gibbs Brown and Rhode Island Auditor General Anthony Piccirilli.

The JFMIP is accepting nominations of Federal, State, or local government employees who are senior executives and have demonstrated outstanding and distinguished leadership resulting in effective financial management improvements over the years. Nominations should conform to the criteria and format in the attached brochure. Four copies of each nomination should be submitted to:

Awards Committee  
Joint Financial Management  
Improvement Program  
666 11th Street, N.W.  
Suit 705  
Washington, D.C. 20001

All nominations must be received by JFMIP before January 9, 1981. Engraved plaques will be presented to those selected for awards at the 10th Annual Financial Management Conference on March 23, 1981, in Washington, D.C.

We look forward to receiving your nominations.

G. William Miller

Attachment

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL  
Washington, DC 20505



# **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT**

# **AWARD**

**To Be Presented By The:  
JOINT FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT  
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**Sponsored By:  
General Accounting Office  
Department of the Treasury  
Office of Personnel Management  
Office of Management and Budget**

## FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT AWARD

### BACKGROUND

The Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP) of the Federal Government is a joint and cooperative undertaking of the Office of Management and Budget, the General Accounting Office, the Department of the Treasury, and the Office of Personnel Management working in cooperation with each other and with operating agencies to improve and coordinate financial management policies and practices throughout the Government. The JFMIP was authorized by the Budget and Accounting Procedures Act of 1950.

The JFMIP sponsors the Financial Management Improvement Awards Program and selects the recipients. This is the only award sponsored by the Federal Government that is specifically directed to excellence in financial management. The award, recognizing exceptional and distinguished leadership in financial management in the public sector, is administered by the Principals of the Joint Financial Management Improvement Program--the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Comptroller General of the United States, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

### PURPOSE OF AWARD

To recognize senior financial management executives who, through outstanding and continuous leadership in financial management, have been principally responsible for significant economies, efficiencies and improvements in Federal, State or local government.

### TYPE OF AWARD

Awards, consisting of engraved plaques, will be presented at JFMIP's annual Financial Management Conference in Washington, D.C., in March 1981.

### ELIGIBILITY

Federal, State, or local government employees who are senior executives and have demonstrated outstanding and distinguished leadership resulting in effective financial management improvements over the years are eligible to be nominated for the award. Previous nominees may be renominated provided that they meet the other provisions of this announcement and are updated to include the latest achievements of the nominee.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

The Awards Committee will base its determinations on two factors: sustained leadership in financial management and specific accomplishments in financial management. For purposes of this award, the term "financial management" has been interpreted to include, but is not limited to, the following areas: Accounting, Auditing, Automatic Data Processing, Budgeting, Cash Management, Control and Allocation of Resources, Cost Reduction, Financial Systems Development, Management Analysis, Planning, Productivity Measurement and Improvement, and Financial and Performance Reporting.

The Awards Committee will give substantial weight to sustained, high-quality leadership in financial management over the years considering:

1. Measurable improvements in financial management technology or methodology resulting from the nominees' accomplishments.
2. The extent to which the improvements would have been impossible or significantly lessened without the nominees' involvement.
3. Originality of nominees' accomplishments.
4. The impact of the nominees' accomplishments on governmental financial management policies and practices.
5. The extent of long-term or lasting benefit of the nominees' accomplishments on the efficiency, effectiveness, and economy of governmental operations.

The Awards Committee will also consider a series of specific accomplishments of the nominees, for which the nominee is primarily responsible and where the results can be measured specifically in terms of improvement in service, a substantial savings or significant technological progress adaptable to a wide range of governmental financial management operations. Some examples of specific accomplishments are:

- Development of procedures or organizational measures which resulted in substantial improvements in the integration of management, budgeting, and accounting.
- Significant contributions to the Government-Wide Financial Priorities Program.
- Development of a financial system which furnished full cost support for cost-based budgeting.

- Implementation of a unified financial management information and control system.
- Development and implementation of a major financial management training and improvement program.
- Establishment of a comprehensive audit system based on improved cost savings and increased audit coverage.
- Development of productivity measurement methods using existing financial management systems.
- Implementation of a fully integrated program structure which provided systematic interpretation of output and performance data in terms of unit costs.
- Improvement of a cash management system resulting in greater availability of funds, better utilization of cash assets, significant upgrading in controls, etc.

Past award winners are listed on page 4.

#### NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Federal agencies are encouraged to use incentive awards program channels for solicitation and selection of nominees. No more than three nominations should be submitted from the head of each Federal department and independent agency or a high official from State and local governments to:

Awards Committee, JFMIP  
666 11th Street, NW. Suite 705  
Washington, D.C. 20001

The following information should be submitted for each nomination:

1. Name, title and, if Federal service, grade  
Business address and telephone number  
Chronology of government service
2. Brief narrative description of the nominee's qualifications for the award in conformance with above selection criteria, together with the agency or department head's personal evaluation and recommendation.

Four copies of each nomination must be received by JFMIP on or before January 9, 1981, to be eligible for consideration for the 1980 Awards. All nominations received after this closing date will be returned.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

1979

June Gibbs Brown  
Inspector General  
Department of the Interior

Anthony Piccirilli  
Auditor General  
State of Rhode Island

1978

Frank L. Greathouse  
Director, Division of State  
and Municipal Audit  
State of Tennessee

William M. Henderson  
Fiscal Affairs Specialist  
Department of the Treasury

1977

Rear Admiral James R. Ahern  
Deputy Comptroller of the Navy

Lloyd F. Hara  
Auditor  
King County, Washington

1976

Alice M. Rivlin  
Director  
Congressional Budget Office

Joseph T. Davis  
Assistant Commissioner  
(Administration)  
Internal Revenue Service

1975

Terence E. McClary  
Assistant Secretary of Defense  
(Comptroller)  
Department of Defense

John E. Dever  
City Manager of the  
City of Sunnyvale  
Sunnyvale, California

1974

Bernard B. Lynn  
Director  
Defense Contract Audit Agency

Martin Ives  
Deputy Comptroller  
State of New York

1973

Edward W. Stepnick  
Director  
HEW Audit Agency

Robert R. Ringwood  
State Auditor  
Wisconsin

1972

Robert C. Moot  
Assistant Secretary of Defense  
(Comptroller)

Richard E. Miller  
Associate Assistant Secretary for Administration  
Department of Labor

1971

J. Patrick Dugan  
Treasurer-Controller  
Export-Import Bank

John P. Abbadessa  
Controller  
Atomic Energy Commission